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13. (U) APPROVING AUTHORITY: [redacted]

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14. (U) SOURCE: [redacted]

15. (U) SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: DIRC-NO ~~NOFORN~~ TO PROTECT SOURCES AND METHODS

16. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ SUMMARY: THIS IR REPORTS [redacted]

Sec. 3.3(b) (1)

[redacted] APPARENTLY, LISTS ARE BEING ASSEMBLED FROM SUBORDINATE UNITS, COMPILED AND REVIEWED. THE INTENTION IS TO ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON CONFINED, DEAD, AND MISSING (UNKNOWN). Sec. 3.3(b) (1) INDICATED DIFFICULTES IN PREPARING SUCH LISTS. THE SIGNIFICANCE IS THAT THERE IS A RELAIZATION OF THE NECESSITY TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM AND PUT FORWARD SOME ANSWER.

22. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ DETAILS: (ALL PARAGRAPHS C/NOFORN) 1. WHILE IN ARGENTINA ON AN ORIENTATION TOUR, A U.S. ARMY OFFICER WAS BRIEFED BY NAVAL INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL. AFTER THE BRIEFING AND A SOCIAL GATHERING, [redacted] Sec. 3.3(b) (1) [redacted] RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS ABOUT "WHAT IS BEING DONE ABOUT THE DISAPPEARED?" SOURCE A INDICATED THAT THE SERVICES WERE TRYING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM AND WERE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF CALLING FOR LISTS FROM THEIR SUBORDINATE UNITS. AS LISTS OR INFORMATION ARE RECEIVED, THE LISTS ARE COMPILED AND COMAPRED WITH OTHER INFORMATION FROM POLICE, MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT FILES.

2. SOURCE A INDICATED THERE ARE SERIOUS PROBLEMS. ONE IS GETTING THE LISTS/INFORMATION FROM SUBORDINATE ELEMENTS WHO OPERATED WITH DELEGATED AUTHORITY DURING THE MORE INTENSE PERIOD OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY. HE FURTHER INDICATED THAT THIS WAS NOT THE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM. THE TOUGH PROBLEM, ACCORDING TO SOURCE A, IS KNOWING WHO IS ALIVE, WHO IS DEAD, AND HOW MANY ARE FALSE. HE INDICATED THAT NOT ONLY WERE SOME OF THOSE KILLED IN COMBAT OPERATIONS UNIDENTIFIABLE, BUT MANY HAD FALSE IDENTIFICATION--IN SOME CASES TERRORISTS HAD IDENTITY DOCUEMNTS FRO THREE OR FOUR PEOPLE, SOME OF WHOM WERE REAL, SOME OF WHOM WERE "GHOSTS."

3. SOURCE B, DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH [redacted] (b)(3):10 USC 424 AT ARMY HQ, INDICATED THAT THE ARGENTINE ARMY IS GOING THROUGH ESSENTIALLY THE SAME PROCESS, THAT OF ASSEMBLING, CONSOLIDATING AND REVIEWEING LISTS. HE ADDED THAT IT HAD BEEN A DECISION

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"FROM THE TOP" THAT AN EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO ANSWER THE "TOUGH QUESTION."

[redacted] SOURCE B, IN A SERIOUS, NOT FACETIOUS MANNER, ASKED IF THE U.S. ARMY OR ITS ALLIES COULD IDENTIFY ALL OF THE DEAD NAZIS IN GERMANY AFTER WORLD WAR II, OR ALL OF THE DEAD IN VIETNAM. HE REITERATED THE DIFFICULTIES INDIDENTIFYING THOSE WITH NO IDENTITY, THOSE WITH MULTIPLE IDENTITY, AND HE INCLUDED NOT ONLY THE DEAD, BUT ALSO SOME OF THOSE IN CUSTORY, WHO WERE STILL NOT CLEARLY IDENTIFIED.

COMMENT: ~~(C,NOFORN)~~ IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICERS IN TWO SERVICES HAVE RESPONDED IN A SIMILAR MANNER TO THE QUESTION OF THE "DISAPPEARED" IN ARGENTINA. BOTH RELAYED THE DIFFICULTIES, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THEY BOTH RELAYED THE GUIDANCE AND CONVICTION THAT THE QUESTION MUST BE ADDRESSED AND ANSWERED IN A STRAIGHTFORWARD WAY. THIS REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT STEP IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION IN TERMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY OF THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT. EMBASSY COORDINATED. ~~DECL 8 MAY 2009.~~

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